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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 5, 2002, please consider the remarks set forth below.

**REMARKS**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the very thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 1 through 26 are pending in the application and Claims 9 through 15 have been withdrawn from consideration pursuant to an Election Requirement. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the remarks set forth below.

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